Charlie ——

See pp 21–347

Here is a current topic in English as well as Spanish.

Give me whatever credit you think is fair

Eric

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC P. NEWMAN

Dear Mr Newman - I enjoyed talking to you last week. The Director of the Md. Historical Society wanted me to send you this list of coins which have been stolen.
I will be looking forward to your revised edition in 1975. Sincerely,
Carter Brady

Alex Brown + Sons
10221 Wincopin Circle
Columbia Md 21043

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Baltimore, Maryland

MISSING COINS

April 3, 1974

Below is a description of rare Maryland Colonial coins possibly stolen in this jurisdiction. Refer to Central Complaint No. 1C-43715.

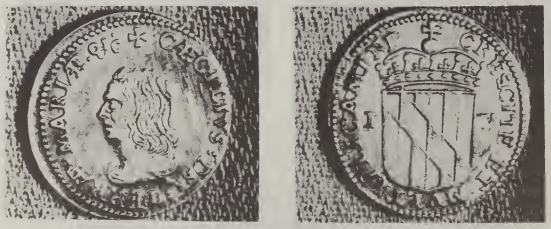
Standish Barry Silver Three Pence. Genuine. One of three best seen. About very fine; minor impairment.

Baltimore Silver Shilling. Usual variety. Plugged, neatly, otherwise fine for piece.

Baltimore Silver Shilling. British Museum copy.

Baltimore Silver Six Pence. Usual variety. Fine, obverse scratches.

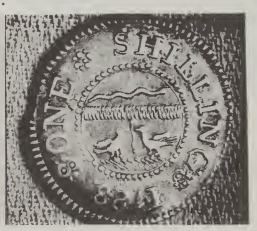
Baltimore Silver Six Pence. British Museum copy. This electrotype with "R" on edge very clear.



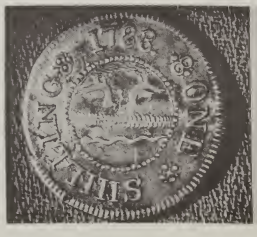
Baltimore Silver Groat. Usual variety. Die break at shield to right, on reverse. About very good; crudely pierced.

Chalmers Silver Six Pence. 1783. Large reverse letters; Crosby Plate IX, No. 8. Very good for piece.

Chalmers Silver Three Pence. 1783. About very fine. Edge reading clear - unusual.



Chalmers Silver Shilling. Long Worm. Very fine.



Chalmers Silver Shilling. Same variety, short worm. Poor, pierced.

Cecil Calvert silver medal with map of Maryland on reverse.

Cecil Calvert & Anna Arundelia, silver medal made with mounting attachment.

Anyone having information which may lead to the recovery of the aforementioned items is requested to notify the Baltimore Police Department, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, 396-2650.

Donald D. Pomerleau, Police Commissioner

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Colin Bruce
Krause Publications
700 East State St.
Iola, WI 54990

June 15, 1995

Dear Colin:

You asked me what I had in military medals. My answer is "snot". Pardon my vulgarity but I got the word backwards as I mean "tons".

I have boxes and boxes full of medals of all kinds and you are invited to go through them at any time. Stay with us and wallow in them. I have not looked at some piles for 20 years.

You deserve a medal for tackling this subject.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

To: Colin Bruce II
Krause Publications
700 East State St
Iola, WI 54900-0001

November 11, 1999

From: Eric P. Newman

In the new US paper money catalog the $20 demand note from St. Louis is omitted. My knowledge of the facts are that the note was issued and that no specimen is now known.

PARAMOUNT
INTERNATIONAL COIN CORPORATION

December 8, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Recently we purchased a few Colonial and Continental Currency notes in a collection. One of the notes appears to be a counterfeit, but is not specifically referred to as such in your new catalogue. (Find photostats enclosed.)

The note is in Uncirculated grade and appears to bear the forged D. Welter and M. Cather signatures known on the higher denomination counterfeits of this issue. Can you confirm this to be a counterfeit? Also, you might want to make an offer on the note if interested for your personal collection.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Bruyere, Manager
Paramount Syngraphics

NJB/kw

Enclosures

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 20, 1976

Mr. Nicholas J. Bruyere
Paramount International Coin Corp.
Paramount Building
Engelwood, Ohio 45322

Dear Mr. Bruyere:

You were thoughtful to write me with respect to the September 26, 1778 $20 Continental bill which you thought was an unlisted counterfeit.

The picture you sent is of a genuine note. The signature of T. Cather is proper. The signature of D. Wister is by enanuensis.

It is not unusual, as I said on page 22, for a substitute to sign for an authorized signer.

Please feel free to ask me about anything where I can be helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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James Buchholz [redacted] August 26, 1996

Dear Mr. Buchholz:

The picture you sent of the Connecticut copper is of variety 33 (i)- Z (19) and is listed as rarity 5. It seems to be in very fine condition. I often use some light oil on the surface of coins like this to remove dirt and some corrosion and then gently wipe it off with cotton.

The disk is not a coin and is blistered from the decomposition of its soft metal content. You should have the sheet metal tested for exact metallic make up. I cannot see the 7 ½ on it but there would be no such denomination under any money system. It may be pewter and probably has no silver in it.

The pictures are returned herewith.

Keep on having fun metal detecting. If you find a group of things then you can send me an example for my service.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

August 10, 1995

Mr. Jack Buck
14 Overbrook Drive
St. Louis, MO 63124

Dear Jack:

What is the maximum number of Halls of Fame that a person can be seducted into? The best way Evelyn and I can celebrate with you and Carol is when eating, so we will congratulate you further at that time. Perhaps we can eat at a Hall of Famine.

I am enclosing an article by Ken Burns written for the American Antiquarian Society, which is the last place I expected to find an interesting article on baseball. He may have written the story elsewhere, but I hope you will enjoy reading his material over again because we like your stories over again. Can you get me a job on an ore boat so that I can start a career like yours?

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:bv

Jan. 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Newman,

I Am A Collector Of American Colonials By Die Variety. I Have Been Busy For Some Time Acquiring A Workable Library Of Plates And Reference Material For Attribution Of The Various Series In Which I Am Interested. I Have Almost Everything I Need Now Except Reprints Of Your Works On Fugio Cents And Plantation Tokens.

Both Bob Vlack, Who Has Helped Me A Great Deal And Become A Personal Friend, And Jim Spilman, With Whom I Regularly Correspond, Have Suggested That I Ask You About Copies Of These Reprints.

I Am Presently Working From Xerox Copies Of The Text Of Your Fugio Reprint. However, The Plates Xeroxed Very Poorly And Are Quite Useless. I Use Bob's Reference Material For The Plantation Tokens.

Of The Greatest Value To Me Would Be Glossy Prints Of The Original Plates. Barring The Availability Of These, Copies Of The Reprints Would Be Most Helpful. I Must Report That I Have Exhausted All Other Possible Sources For This Material, And I Have Been Unable To Locate Any Copies For Sale. If You Can Help Me, I Would Certainly Appreciate

It If You Would Ship The Literature Along To Me With Your Invoice For It. My Address Is At The End Of This Letter.

Before Closing I Would Like To Take This Opportunity To Thank You For The Pleasure I Derive From Your Past And Continuing Numismatic Research. I Receive "The Colonial Newsletter", And I Have A Complete Set From Issue #1 Through The Present. Of All The Numismatic Literature Which Comes To My Home, I Enjoy This The Most. I Look Forward To The Occesional Interesting Comments By You, Bob Vlack, Richard Picker, Jim Spilman And A Few Others From Whom I Have Come To Expect Reliable, Well-Researched Information. I Own Copies Of Your Monographs On Virginia Pieces And The Good Samaritan Shilling. I Enjoyed Your Work In Conjunction With Ken Bressett On The 1804 Dollar, Read With Interest The Opinions Of Others On The Same Subject Published In "The Numismatist," And Anticipate Your Rebuttal Forthcoming In That Organ. It Is People Like You Who Provide Me With One Of The Great Sources Of Pleasure In My Life, And I Don't Get A Chance To Thank You Very Often.

Although They Undoubtedly Outnumber Us, I Will Never Understand Those People Who Limit Their "Collecting" To Late 19th And 20th Century Products Of The U.S. Mint, And Thereby Miss The Whole Point Of The Numismatic Science.

Sincerely,

Dick Buckley

Richard F. Buckley

[redacted]

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 16, 1970

Mr. Richard F. Buckley

[redacted]

Dear Mr. Buckley:

Your very kind letter of January 14, 1970 is acknowledged and I thank you for the pleasant remarks you have made with respect to some of the research which I have done.

As to the Fugio pictures, I just wrote to Mr. Spilman suggesting that new pictures be taken and reproductions circulated accordingly. The pictures in my original article did not turn out too well and, naturally, Xerox copies are close to impossible. There is one possibility and that is to write to Frank Katen, P.O.Box 4271 Tacoma Park Sta., Washington, 20012, D. C., who has what is left of Raymond's publication and see if he has my article on the Fugios.

I am enclosing a reprint of the Plantation Token article which I originally wrote in 1955 and a reprint of its revision. These are with our compliments and I hope they will be helpful.

There will be two more articles on the 1804 - one in February and one in March - so I am delighted that you are looking forward to reading them. Any suggestions you have with respect to their content will, of course, be most appreciated.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Jan 20, 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Mr. Newman,

This Note Is To Gratefully Acknowledge Receipt Yesterday Of Your Two Reprints On American Plantation Tokens. I Found Them Interesting And Informative, And I Hope To Get The Chance To Put Them To Use Often In The Future.

I Will Try Frank Katen For A Copy Of The Raymond Publication In Which Your Original Work On Fugio Cent Was Published. He May Also Have Some Other Material Which I Have Not Been Able To Obtain. Such As The Original Blue-Covered Richardson Pamphlet On Vermonts. I Have Not Even Been Able To Get A Brown-Covered Reprint. Everybody Tells Me That They Are Available From The ANA Library. However, When I Wrote Requesting A Copy Recently, The Present Librarian Replied Saying That The Richardson Work Was, "One Which The Association Has Considered Reprinting, But As Yet Has Not Done So." I Know That This Statement Is Erroneous. Never The Less, The Pamphlet Still Eludes Me.

Re-photographing The Fugio Cents Is A Fine Idea.

Mr. Spilman Hinted To Me In Previous Correspondence That He Would Like To Consider Such An Undertaking. No Doubt Finer Examples Of Some Of The Specimens Have Been Uncovered Since You First Produced Your Work. I Assume That Pictures Of The New Varieties Which Have Turned Up Would Also Be Included. The Colonial Newsletter Would Be A Fine Vehicle For Publication. I Hope That There Will Be Included Some New Thoughts On A Comparative Rarity Scale, As I Find The Present Listings To Be Absurd In Many Cases.

Bob Vlack Tells Me That You Plan A Vacation Trip To The Galapagos Islands Very Soon. Perhaps You Will Discover Evidence Linking Today's Numismatist With The Rare Bird That Was His Ancestor. Check Out The Brainless Goony Bird, The Over-Stretched Budget Bird And The Cashless Dum-Dum. In Any Event, I Hope You Have A Nice Trip. And I Hope We Of The Collector's Club Of Boston Can Re-Schedule Our Annual Banquet So That We Can Enjoy A Visit And A Talk By You After Your Return.

Sincerely Yours,

Dick Buckley

Richard F. Buckley

J.B. Harter
Curator
Mint Museum
751 Chartres St
New Orleans, La. 70116

Dear Mr. Harter, July 30, 1990

I enjoyed my short visit with you and want to advise you as to my findings.

I located a spiral bound book entitled A History of the United States Mint, New Orleans, Louisiana by Charles J. Collins, Jr., Department of Architecture, Louisiana State University, for the Baton Rouge Bureau of Lath and Plaster, Summer 1970. This volume was printed by Louisiana State University Printing Office. Perhaps you can obtain a copy at the LSU library. It has text, appendices, photocopies of all drawings and pictures- extensive detail of chimneys, machinery etc. It also has the architectural drawings as you would expect.

I also enclosed the 1845 report on the New Orleans Mint by J.L. Riddell which I "discovered" in 1968. I think there is another copy in some New Orleans library. It had never been known to numismatists or otherwise.

I look forward to you sending me a photocopy of the 1897 publication about the Mint.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

FROM THE DESK OF
William B. Bugert
MEMBER ANA, LSCC

Bill Bugert ANA, LSCC, JRCS, NLG
7715 Modisto Lane
Springfield, Virginia 22153-3928

22 April 1991

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Mr Newman,

Please allow me to re-introduce myself. I first met you at the 1986 ANS COAC Silver Conference when we were co-speakers. I hope you are well and continuing with your excellent numismatic pursuits.

The reason I am writing is to ask for some information. You may recall, I am interested in Liberty Seated Half Dollars and am especially partial to those of the New Orleans Mint. At the time of the COAC conference, you mentioned to me that, years ago, you wrote a pamphlet on New Orleans coinage and that it would be of interest to me. Since that time, I have been trying in vain to locate an example of that pamphlet. Is there any possibility of obtaining a copy from you? I would gladly pay any and all costs involved. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance and my best regards to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Bill

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

William B. Bugert
7715 Modesto Lane
Springfield, VA 22153-3928

April 26, 1991

Dear Bill,

Your letter of April 22, 1991 is well timed.
First, I have never written anything on the New Orleans Mint. What I told you is that I had a very rare New Orleans Mint Report (1845) which I published in The Numismatist because it had some interesting historical material.

I went to New Orleans in 1990 and visited the old Mint building, now operated by the state of Louisiana. I saw a pamphlet entitled A Visit to the United States Mint, New Orleans which they had and which was new to me. It was dated 1897. I asked for a photocopy and sent them a copy of my 1845 Report which they had not seen before. I never heard from them. Try to get a copy of this pamphlet and send me a duplicate, if you get it.

I enclose a copy of my letter to the mInt Museum and assume you have the Collins report.

Good luck,

Eric P. Newman

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For further information
Contact 202 376-0588

MINT AWARDS CONTRACTS FOR MODIFIED ONE CENT BLANKS

Mint Director Donna Pope announced today that two contracts totaling $8,743,119.00 were awarded July 22 for copper-plated zinc one-cent blanks to be fabricated from an alloy of 97.6% zinc and 2.4% copper. The present cent pieces are composed of 95% copper and 5% zinc. This modification will result in substantial reductions in production costs.

Both contracts were awarded to the Ball Corporation in Greeneville, Tennessee. The contracts specify that 10.4 million pounds of the new blanks will be delivered to the U.S. Bullion Depository in West Point, New York and 10.4 million pounds to the U.S. Assay Office in San Francisco.

"The new blanks will be delivered to the Mint starting in November 1981 and production of the new cent pieces will be phased into our production schedule commencing in December," Mrs. Pope said. "During 1982 the Mint will produce cents from both materials."

The Mint Director noted that the new cent coins will be identical in size and appearance to those presently produced and will weigh 19% less than the current cent.

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April 12, 1965

Mr.E.C.Burford
[redacted]

Dear Mr.Burgord:

I would like to have the Bowen books on Rehoboth. I will pay $13.00 for the set.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

[redacted]

April 26, 1965

Dear Mr. Newman:

Today I took the liberty of shipping you the four volumes of Bowen's Early Rehoboth according to your offer of 4/12/65. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to reply but there were quite a fews bids that I had to unravel. I might add that the Bowen books were eagerly sought. One high-powered eastern shop matched your price but I preferred to show deference to the private collector and promptness. I think you got a good buy, one that wouldn't be matched in the book store. I hope you are satisfied with the nice conditions of the books and this arrangement.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar C. Burford

Edgar C. Burford

April 29, 1965

Dear Mr. Burford,

Thank you for the four volume set on Early Rehoboth. It will find a nice place in my library.

Enclosed is my check for $13.00.

Sincerely yours,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

Memo from . . .

JOE FLYNN & SON, RARE COINS, INC.
2854 West 47th Street P.O. Box 3140
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66103
Phone 913-236-7171

January 12, 1976

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

We picked up these two items in a recent collection. We showed them to Ralph Goldstone at Miami in an attempt to find out just what they were. He didn't know but suggested we send them to you as you might be able to help out.

We would certainly appreciate any help you can be and hope they do not cause you any inconvenience.

Thank you and please let us know when we may be of service to you at any time.

Sincerely,

Walter Burks, Jr.

WBJ/df

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 27, 1976

Mr. Walter Burks, Jr.
Joe Flynn & Son, Rare Coins, Inc.
P. O. Box 3140
Kansas City, Kansas 66103

Dear Mr. Burks:

I checked my collection of counterfeit fractional currency and neither note which you sent is included. The 25¢ note is certainly not intended to be counterfeit, even though it is of proper size it has no back, no signatures, etc. The 50¢ note is so small in size in relation to the normal note that it could not possibly have been a counterfeit. I would only have to guess that these were made for play money or for a pamphlet or book illustration.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful, but you active dealers always seem to turn up the strangest things.

It is a pleasure to try to be of help.

Very truly yours,'

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encls.

Schuylkill Bank 1815
large 25¢ v.g $7.50
small 25¢ fair 2.50

~~Howardsville Va~~
~~#1 fine 3.75~~
~~#10 fine 3.75~~
~~#5 Lewiston, Pa~~ ~~1.00~~ ~~.81~~
~~#5 Mechanics Bk Phila cty.~~ ~~.50~~

State Bank of Trenton
~~#1 1825 3.75 fine~~
~~#2 1825 3.75 fine~~
~~#5 1824 9.00 fine~~

November 10, 1966

Mr. Jack L. Burman

Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Burman:

When I was in New York at the Grand Central Show, you had the following paper money for sale:

25¢ Schuylkill Bank, 1815 (the larger of the two of that denomination);

$1 State Bank of Trenton, 1824;

$3 State Bank of Trenton, 1824.

When I returned home I discussed these with a friend and he is willing to pay $10 for the two Trenton pieces. I am willing to pay $5 for the Schuylkill bank piece.

If you care to sell these at this figure, please send them and a check will be forthcoming by return mail.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
St.Louis, Missouri 63178

EPN/atb

You could buy
The $1 note
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MEMBER: R.C.D.A.
A.N.A. - A.P.S.
M.A.N.A.

November 15, 1966.

Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Newman;

As per our conversation recently at the Grand Central Coin Show, the prices quoted at that time was 25% off our store prices, as a courtesy to you. The notes you want are the following:

25¢	Schuylkill Bank, 1815, (larger)	10.00
$ 1.00	State Bank of Trenton, 1824....	5.00
$ 3.00	State Bank of Trenton, 1824....	12.50
	less 25%.....	27.50
		6.88
	total.....	20.62

3.75 S.L.

This is the best I can do for you on the three notes.

I will hold the above one week awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,

Jack L. Burman

Jack L. Burman

JLB/mb

December 30, 1966

Mr. Jack L. Burman

Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr.Burman:

I did not get to your letter of November 15, 1966 on paper money until now.

I am enclosing checks for two of the notes which you then had. If you still have them please send them. They are:

25¢ Schuylkill Bank, 1815, net	$ 7.50
$1 State Bank of Trenton, 1824	3.75

If you have already sold the notes, then please return the checks.

Sincerely yours,

EPM/atb

P.O.Box 14020
St.Louis,Missouri 63178

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COINS – STAMPS – ANTIQUES

Customer's Order No. Date Jan. 3 1967

M Eric P. Newman

Address PO-Box 14020, St. Louis Mo. 63178

SOLD BY	CASH	C. O. D.	CHARGE	ON ACCT.	MDSE. RETD.	PAID OUT	

QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	Bank Notes selected		
	(Grand Central Coin Convention)		
1	– State Bank of Trenton 100		5 00
1	– Schuylkill Bank 25¢		10 00
			15 00
	less 25%		3 75
	Paid	net	11 25
	Please note		

The Trenton $1.00 is dated "1823" not "1814" as you

ALL claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by this bill.

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Rec'd by State on your note (JB)

MAZER'S ADVERTISING SPECIALTIES, CHESTER, PA.

July 29, 1968

Mr.Roy Burns
515 East Main Street
Weatherford, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Burns:

When I drove through, you will recall I bought some tokens from you and also a so-called Parsons & Co. bar. You told me to write you with respect to other items I needed.

You said that you had some Indian scrip items and I would very much appreciate it if you would locate those and quote them to me. Any other obsolete paper money or scrip would be of interest.

I could use the 9th edition of the Blue Book and any older ones you have.

I found that I already had the 1835 token which I wanted to check up on.

As to the Parsons bar, I find that it is not silver, as you thought it was. Its specific gravity is only 7.4, and should be around 10, if it were silver. Its weight is 892 grains, which is almost 10% heavier than two silver dollars. Under these circumstances I would like to send back the bar and have the amount paid apply against other purchases. I believe you recognize that this is justified as it is definitely not silver, as you were told, but is made of some kind of cheap soft metal.

Anything else you feel might be of interest to me in the American numismatic field, please feel free to mention it.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

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Harold M. Burstein

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February 25, 1978

Mr. Julian Edison
16 Dromara Rd.
St. Louis, MO. 63124

Dear Mr. Edison:

I learn from a colleague of your interest in rare works in numismatics and can offer the following which may be of interest to you :

HICKCOX, JOHN. An Historical Account of American Coinage. Albany: Joel Munsell & London: Trubner. 1858. 151 pp, 5 plates. ONE OF FIVE LARGE PAPER COPIES of a total edition of 200. Measures 6-3/4 by 10 inches. Top margin only trimmed. Contemporary 1/4 boards & leather, rubbed and hinges weak. $275.00

Would be pleased to learn of your interest.

Harold M. Burstein

HMB/bn

EPN — Please answer

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 6, 1978

Mr. Harold M. Burstein
16 Park Place
Waltham, MA 02154

Dear Mr. Burstein:

You were kind enough to write to Julian I. Edison with respect to numismatic books. It was I who Julian I. Edison had in mind. I would certainly be pleased to have you submit any numismatic books to me. It so happens that the Hickcox which you quoted is already in my library. My particular book interest is in the American numismatic field.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Roger L. Busbice
Division of Archives
Secretary of State of Louisiana
3851 Essen Lane
P.O. Box 94125
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125

June 25, 1992

Dear Mr. Busbice:

I sincerely appreciate the copies of the early documnets you sent. The use of piastres by the French as being equivalent to pesos or Spanish Dollars is customary even though there was a miniscule difference between them.

The English merchants in the Mississippi Delta seem to have used pesos for trade with the Gulf and West Indies area and broadened that usage when the Spanish took over Louisiana. The French traders naturally retained theirFrench expressions for a longer period.

If you can locate any $ signs in anything before 1790 that would be most helpful.

Thank you again for your copperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

August 17, 1956

Mr. Sam Bushnell
Route 1, Box 94
St. Charles, Missouri

Dear Sam:

I very much appreciate your thinking of me in sending the Missouri wooden token from Macon. I have been out of town and as a result did not have the opportunity to reply to you sooner.

I hope you are in the best of health and that you will continue to collect all of your many interesting items.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

August 3, 1962

Mr. Richard B. Bushnell
Bushnell's Museum
Highway 70
St. Charles, Missouri

Dear Dick:

I have had a terrible time finding something for you to exchange for the Heath. The Heath has certain portions missing. I have, however, found something which you may like very much - The Encyclopedia of the City of St. Louis, 4 Volumes, 1899, by Hyde & Conrad. Its covers are in poor condition but its content is good. I don't believe you have it.

I did not have a duplicate of the Tour of St.Louis.

Let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

MOOG automotive INC.
P. O. BOX 7224 / ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63177 / PHONE 314 385-3400

J. B. BUSHYHEAD
PRESIDENT

January 12, 1979

Mr. Eric Newman
EDISON BROTHERS STORES, INC.
400 Washington Avenue
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, MO. 63178

Dear Eric:

You will recall that you were the featured speaker one evening at the Clayton Club and managed to get us all interested in old money (new money, too).

Recently, I was at a Board Meeting with Jack Whitaker, Chairman of Whitaker Cable Corp., North Kansas City, MO., and he showed me a coin he had had in the family for some time, which I have reproduced quite crudely on the attached piece of paper. He was wondering if he had anything of substantial value in this coin and I thought perhaps you might give me a rough estimate of its potential and how he might go about having it appraised. Would appreciate it if you would drop me a note or give me a call on the 'phone.

Regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Bushyhead

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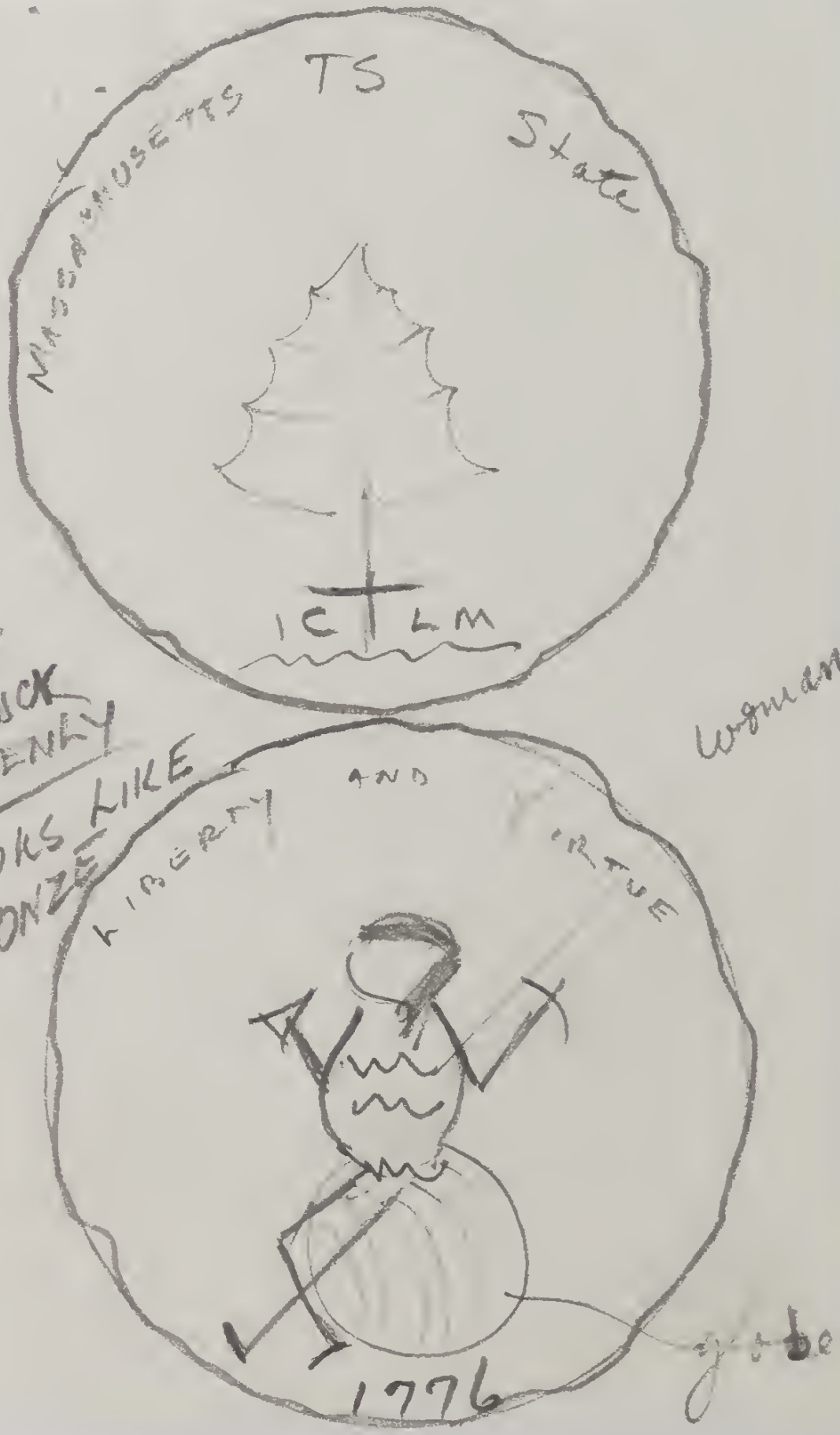
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 31, 1979

Mr. James B. Bushyhead, President
Moog Automotive, Inc.
P. O. Box 7224
St. Louis, MO 63177

Dear Jim:

I am delighted to answer your inquiry of January 12, 1979, which arrived during my visit to Antarctica. The Massachusetts coin dated 1776 in dark copper is a forgery which was distributed as a souvenir by grocery stores and other commercial establishments. It has no value and no status. It is a copy of an exceedingly rare piece of which only one is known.

The length of time your friend had it in his family would not be over ten years.

I hope I have been of service.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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Ralph Foster Museum
John Paul Butler
Curator of Monies

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri
(63105)

20 October 1972

Dear Friend:

Thanks for answering my letter in refrence to the Vermont Colonial Currency and the State of Missour Currency issued at Neosho.

I have the two types of notes from Missouri that you describe but the notes don't have Neosho printed on them.

I looked at 4 Vermont notes at New Orleans, or I should say one note and 3 pieces of notes. I think the dealer name was Webber from Pennsylvania, they were in an envelop that that had Eric P. Newman written on it also Clayton, Missouri. He asked me $750 for the whole note, and asked $400 for one with a corner torn off and told me that if I could use either of the other 2 pieces of notes only about 1/2 of a note that I could have either for $50. Your book lists them from $250 to $450 if my memory is correct.

I have an extra set of the Miller Bros. 101 Ranch scrip 5, 10, 20, 50 Bucks and 2 different duplicates from McAliser Indian Territory. I also have a few Old Report Cards that are very colorful from Afton, Indian Territory..

Mr. Courtney L. Coffing, Executive Editor of Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine visited us a few days ago.

Thanks again for taking the time to answer our letters and give us words of encouragement. I guess we will probly have to pass on the Vermont Colonial Note. Visit us if you can ever find time. They have started work on another 3 floor addition to our museum this week.

Best Wishes,

John Paul Butler

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 24, 1972

Mr. John Paul Butler
The School of the Ozarks
Point Lookout, Missouri 65726

Dear John:

None of the Missouri notes have Neosho printed on them. It was only the Act of Authorization which is mentioned on the unsigned group. The Act was passed in Neosho.

I am glad you saw the Vermont notes which Webber had in New Orleans. It is amusing that my name was written on the note because I expressed an interest in it. He indicated to me that he had paid the price he was asking you for it. Perhaps you could write him as to what denomination the two half notes were. Maybe he will send you a Xerox of them. I might be able to locate other half notes of the same denomination so that we can make a whole note out of them. Why don't you get a Xerox of the whole group of Vermont notes as we might even be able to locate the missing corner section on another note.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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21 September 1972

Dear Friend:

We are still hoping that you will find time to visit us sometime. We have had over 100,000 people again this year visit our museum and will still have a lot of visitors the rest of this month and also October.

Do you know where we could get a Vermont Colonial Note for our museum collection. We have some duplicate items we would like to trade if possible.

In one of your first letters you was telling us about the Missouri issue of notes authorized by the Confederacy in Neosho, Missouri, in 1861. If you have a photo of these or a article about them we would like to see what they looked like,. I wish you would write a book on Missouri Currency.

I guess Missouri Currency is scarce. I have found 2 notes for our collection this year. $3 City of St. Louis Treasury Warrent, 1861 and a 25¢ Mail Contract blank note from Independence, Mo. with a stage coach on it.

At our last Board of Trustees meeting a new 3 floor edition to our museum was approved it is supposed to be completed in 10 years.

I guess you have read some of the articles about our check collection. We have 9,635 different checks in our collection at the present time. Iowa is our leading state.

Thanks for helping us in so many ways, Don't forgett to visit our school and museum if you can ever find time.

Sincerely,

John Paul Butler

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 18, 1972

Mr. John Paul Butler
The School of the Ozarks
Point Lookout, Missouri 65726

Dear John:

Thank you for your recent letter advising me of the tremendous interest shown by people in your museum. It ought to be a great satisfaction to you to realize what you have accomplished almost singlehanded.

You asked about what notes the Confederacy authorized in November, 1861, in Neosho, Missouri. Those are the Missouri Defense Bonds which were never signed but were printed in South Carolina in very elaborate form. The emergency issue of January 1, 1862 had to be printed quickly in New Orleans because of the delay in printing the fancy issue.

In New Orleans, during the convention, I saw a Vermont note which traded hands in the $800.00 area. What have you to suggest in trade as I might be able to induce someone to part with one. Do you have any Indian Territory scrip or some other attractive item?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

April 24, 1964
Farmington, Mo.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

I read your article on coins in the Post-paper. I am not a collector, but I do have some old coins that were given to my late husband who died in 1957. His Aunt & Uncle were interested in collecting coins, but are now deceased. I am a teacher and am not interested in collecting coins as I am kept busy with my job.

I'm interested in finding some one who might look these coins over and see if I have any of value! I can use the money as teachers always do.

Some of the coins I have are:
Lincoln Cents from 1909 to 1931, various mints, S & P & D.B. Indian Head cents

2 Cents - Bronze
1 Nickel 3 Cent piece 1866
(2) 5 Cent Nickels - 1866
1 - 5 Cent Nickel I - 1909
& others.

3 Small. dimes - 1889, 1891, 1899

3 Quarter dollars - 1858, 1875, 1932

Half dollars. 1-1853 Arrows & Rays.
2-Com. silver half - 1893

2 flying Eagle Cents - 2-1857
1-1858

Also have some old Paper Money. $1.00, $5.00 & $10.00 Bills. 1 Confederate $10.00 Note - 1861.

I have various coin books & U. S. coins so I'm not interested in books, but would like to really contact some one who might be interested in selling and buying the coins if they are of any value. Any information would be appreciated!

Am enclosing an addressed envelope. Thanking you, I remain,

Yours truly,
Mrs. Lauraine Byington

[redacted]

April 28, 1964

Mrs. Lauraine Byington
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Dear Mrs. Byington:

I, too, am interested in education, and among my other activities, I am President of the Board of Trustees of the Mark Twain Summer Institute, a summer school for teaching unusually talented High School students courses which they cannot get at their regular schools.

Many of the coins and paper money items you have may be of more than passing value and the only way I could give you a fair estimate is to have you send them to me. After I give an idea as to what they will bring I will be glad to sell them if that pleases you.

I do this for many people and hope that among the items there are some of particular value.

Please make a careful list of the pieces you send me.

Sincerely yours,

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June 10, 1964
Farmington, Mo.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Mr. Hughes told me what was offered for the coins. He said, I should write you whether I wanted to sell for $10.00. I do not think I will sell them at the present time. I would of course, like to investigate further.

I will have Mr. Hughes pick them up at his convenience. I do thank you for your assistance. If I owe you anything, just let me know. Thanking you I remain

Lauraine Byington

[redacted]

J.C. Byrne [redacted] September 12, 1996

Dear Mr. Byrne:

We are glad to make suggestions to you to find out about products of Conrad Sheetz. This is out of our field unless it pertains to paper money. There are books written on the field of colonial paper making.

You should develop where and when Sheetz lived, if you do not already have it. You might look up in the index of each volume of The Papers of Benjamin Franklin to see if there is a mention of Sheetz. This reference is in any big library.

Perhaps Prof. Leo LeMay, English Department of the University of Delaware, 127 Memorial Hall, Newark, DE 19716-2537 may immediately know the answer as he is very knowledgeable in these areas.

Check the index at the Library Company of Philadelphia to see if there is a reference to Sheetz. They might even have items with the watermark on them.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman